

Hall Mills - 105.503-TR PRP

THADDEUS S. MELLINGER

Resides in Philadelphia. Summers at Lavallette and also goes there during the autumn weekends.

OBSERVATIONS ON SEPTEMBER 14, 1922.

Remembers two couples from Columbia, Pa. visited him at Lavallette, coming to his home at about 5.00 P.M. Thursday, Sept. 14, 1922. One of them was a banker in Philadelphia, Mr. Stonebach.

Mellinger was fishing on the beach Thursday night by the light of the lantern near Henry Stevens, close enough to recognize him.

Does not remember when he began fishing, but he fished until around 10.30.

At that time Stevens passed him with his rod and box and went up the step on his way to his house.

Mellinger was fishing on the beach in a direct line extended from Brown Avenue, on which avenue Stevens' house fronts.

Mellinger's friends were still on the beach at about 10.30. They came to the part where he was fishing at intervals.

Mellinger left the beach around 11.00 o'clock. Noticed light in Henry Stevens' room. Knows its exact location with respect to the other parts of the house.

Remembers that it was about 11.00 o'clock, because he wondered where his guests were and looked at the clock.

His guests came in off the beach a little after 11.00 P.M.

Mellinger and his guests sat up in his home a little while and then retired.

OBSERVATIONS ON SEPT. 15, 1922.

Mellinger went out on beach in his bathing suit about 5.00 A.M. His guests desired to take an early dip in the ocean in order to make an early start home. He proceeded to beach. Saw Henry Stevens there throwing seines for mullet. Helped Henry Stevens throw seines, which are pretty heavy. Was there with Henry Stevens for more than half an hour.

Remembers that his guests came out on the beach in the early morning and that he pointed Henry Stevens out to them.